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1965 Convertible
Alan & Tricia Skiles
Grand View, Texas

ON THE COVER

**1965 Falcon convertible owned by Alan & Tricia Skiles
(FCA #15948) of Grand View, Texas**

"We take care of it but it also watches over us. Cars are just that...cars. But Falcons become family. This one will be with ours for a long time." When the Skiles bought this convertible, it was Burgundy and had been a one owner car with 172,000 worldly miles. It was worn, faded, torn, and had some rust, but still ran perfectly. At 312,000 miles, it quit. It was fixable but Alan decided it had earned a full restoration. He had lost the use of his arm so Tricia had to do all the work herself. One year later, it was ready to go to a Austin, Texas FCA Regional, where it won the "Ladies Choice Award." The story of this Falcon and its re-build of this convertible begins on page 16.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 29-30, 2019

**11TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN COAST REGIONAL
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA**

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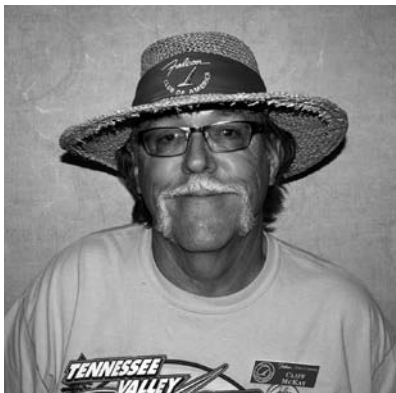
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cliff McKay
FCA President

Please give the Northeast, Columbia River, and Carolinas Chapters' folks a hearty round of applause for putting on their Regionals in Warwick, Rhode Island, in Ridgefield Washington, and in Kannapolis, North Carolina this past August! I trust that everyone who was able to attend these regional events had a great time. For any of our members who have never had a hand in pulling together a Regional or a National event, you really might be surprised at just how much effort and detail goes into the planning and execution of our FCA events.

I am highly recommending that one and all plan to attend next year's 2019 FCA National in Winter Park, Colorado. The event is being held at a vintage hotel, plus there are condos which are really very nicely suited for our event purposes. Check out the 2019 Nationals on the FCA website and the Mile Hi Chapter website; please submit your helpful suggestions too! As usual I strongly encourage you make your hotel reservations early to insure you get a room at the vintage event hotel. Again this year you can conveniently register for the event through the website and even pay via Paypal if you wish.

I again would like to take a moment to point out the need for our local Chapters to keep in contact with their respective Regional Directors. These guys are volunteering their time and effort to assist you with just about anything you ask of them. They need to be kept informed of what is going on locally, such as when chapters elect new officers. Regional Directors need current membership rosters once a year—preferably in January/February—so they can

“Make new friends, find new Falcons in your area, or encourage someone to find their own Falcon. Spread the love... for our great cars and club!”

update their reports on individual chapter status. These folks also help coordinate which chapters in each region are planning and putting on events to minimize any potential schedule conflicts. The Regional Directors are there for your local chapter's benefit and represent your local voice back up to the FCA Board of Directors and me year-round. Remembering to thank them occasionally for doing this important volunteer work never hurts either!

Hope all of you have a great fall car show season. Get out there and show off those great Falcons! Make new friends, find new Falcons in your area, or encourage someone to find their own Falcon. Spread the love... for our great cars and club!

By the way, there is a lot of fun to be had if you are considering planning on a Falcon Migration into Winter Park, Colorado for next summer's National Meet. Think about it, do some pre-planning, and let other FCA members know if you want to go for it.

Remember to not only take the kids and grandkids to car shows, but also help them when you can should they desire to get into a Falcon of their own. Remember even if you don't show your Falcon in car shows on a regular basis, it still draws lots of attention just about anywhere you choose to drive it on any given occasion.

Take care. God bless us one and all. Have a great fall season in those fabulous Falcons! Make plans to have a great Holiday Season this year too!

—Cliff McKay (FCA #7987)
Peck, Kansas

Falcon Bucket Seats

Ford did some penny pinching when the Ford Falcon was first brought into production. The Falcon used as many parts as possible from other Ford vehicles that were in production. “Taken off the shelf” was a term well used in Dearborn.

The Basics

Bucket seats became an option in a Falcon in 1961 when the Futura trim option was first offered. The parts bin used was from the 1958–60 Thunderbird. The seat frame and foam (buns) were the same with slightly different upholstery patterns. The tracks were different since the Falcon seats needed to sit higher in comparison to the Thunderbird. The seats used on 1961 and 1962 Falcons were the same. In 1963 the Falcon convertible went into production. The seat frame was the same Thunderbird frame used on ‘61 and ‘62 Falcons, the reinforced floor of the convertible required a new design for seat tracks. In early 1963, Falcon sedans and wagons got bucket seats from the 1963–65 Fairlane. The Fairlane seats are very similar to the later introduced Falcon

sedan/wagon/hardtop seats but are slightly larger. I do not know when the change was made to the slightly smaller seat, but my guess would be when the hardtop came out, headroom became an issue so the seat was down sized slightly. The easiest way to identify a Fairlane based seat from a Falcon seat is the dogleg trim on the side. The Fairlane dogleg is longer. Seat tracks for Fairlane and Falcon seats are the same. Convertible seats share no components with the sedan/wagon/hardtop seats, except for seat back adjusters and the knob on the seat track adjustment lever.

The Thunderbird based seats all have plastic skirts that hide the tracks and surround the seat base. The 1961–62 seat skirts are slightly different from the 1963–65 convertible seat skirts. The skirts are attached to the seat frame with metal brackets that are Falcon specific with 1961–62 metal brackets different from 1963–65 convertible metal brackets. Even though Thunderbird seat frames are the same, it is very difficult to find the seat tracks and skirt brackets to make them fit a Falcon.

Evidence that Falcon convertible seats came from the Thunderbird parts shelf are in the part numbers from the seat back foam and the pivot knob. C1SB indicates that it is a 1961 Thunderbird part.



The differences between a hardtop seat and a convertible seat can clearly be seen in the photo on the right. The convertible seat is thinner in the base and the back. The tracks on the convertible seat include stamped metal risers and long mounting bolts to go through the floor reinforcement pan.



Seat Data Tags

Seat data tags were attached to each seat, both top and bottom. They vary in their layout, but the typical prefix coding decade/year/product line/design responsibility code, (C3DB) = 1960s/1963/Falcon/Body Engineering



These photos from a 1963 convertible bucket seat provide a lot of clues to the seats origin. The part number was printed on the reverse side of the seat cover as was the date it was manufactured (9-24-62). There should also be two data tags, in this case C2YB from the seat bottom and C3DB from seat the top. The bottom tag the year is not correct and "Y" is listed as Canadian Meteor.

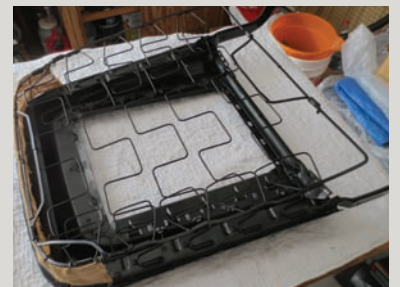


Frames

There are basically two frames, the 1958–60 Thunderbird frames and the 1963–65 Sedan/Wagon/Ranchero/Hardtop frames. Note: A few early 1963 Falcons did get the 1962–65 Fairlane frames. The photo on the left is a Thunderbird (used on convertibles and 1961–62 Futuras) seat base, notice how flat it is. Photo on right is a hardtop base.



The seat backs were thinner on the convertible also. On both the seat back and seat bottom, the convertible springs are two dimensional versus the hardtop seats springs being three dimensional.



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Seat Emblems



1961–62 Falcon, also on 1964–65 Comet Cyclone



1963 Falcon



1964–65 Falcon

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Tracks

There are three different set of tracks, 1961–62 Futura tracks, 1963–65 convertible tracks and 1963–65 sedan/hardtop/wagon/Ranchero tracks.



This is what a Thunderbird/Falcon seat frame looks like when all the upholstery is removed. The seat tracks and the plastic apron metal attachment brackets are what makes putting a Thunderbird seat in a Falcon difficult.



Falcon vs. Fairlane Dogleg Trim

The Fairlane dogleg, pictured in white, is longer in vertical dimension.



Seat Upholstery 1961/1962

With the exception of 1961 and 1962, seat upholstery was changed every year. The seat frames did not change, so it is possible to reupholster similar seat frames to any year seat cover. Since Comets shared the same seats, they also provide Falcon owners a source. Reproduction seat covers and seat foam are available to match the factory original patterns.

1961–62 Futura bucket seats featured vertical rolls divided by a horizontal bar. The base cushion rolls extended over the cushion while the upper insert was framed by the perimeter upholstery.



An original 1961 Futura seat. The seat tag indicates (C1SB) 1961 Thunderbird.



1964

1964 upholstery featured vertical rolls on the seat inserts. Both the top and bottom cushion inserts were framed by the perimeter upholstery using a single welt.

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1963

1963 upholstery featured horizontal rolls framed by two welts. The seat insert extend the full length of the bottom cushion rolling over the front edge. The seat insert on the top cushion was framed by the perimeter upholstery.



An original 1963 Falcon two-door sedan with the Futura option is pictured below.



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Seat Upholstery

1965

1965 upholstery featured vertical rolls on the inserts. The inserts extended the full length of the bottom cushion and rolled over the top cushion. Convertible seat on left is similar from the front view. Skirting is the tell-tale sign of a convertible seat.



1966-70

Large body Falcons shared their seats with the Fairlane. The upholstery patterns had minor changes. These seats are easily identified by the chrome trim that travels up the sides and across the top of the seat back.



Seat Back Covers

The covers on the reverse side of the seat back also were different between years.

1961-62



1963



1961-62 had no seams.
1963 had horizontal heat seams.

1964-65



1964-65 had vertical heat seams. 1964-65 Comet Cyclone had no seams.

1964-65 Comet Cyclone

1964 and 1965 Cyclone inserts were vertical in 1964 and horizontal in 1965. The base cushion rolls stopped at the leading edge while the inserts rolled over the top on the upper cushion. Both years had the back insert framed on the bottom edge.



Seat Back Adjusters

There were two types of seat back adjusters used. One was a simple bolt with a fiber landing pad. The second type was a Bakelite pad that was slotted for a tear-dropped-bolt-end with a large hexagon flange. The second type locks the back in place where as the bolt and pad allows some side to side movement that can stress the doglegs on the seat backs. Both types are available in re-production. Which type was original to each year is a big question mark. Fine treads were used on 1961-64 seats, while 1965 seats had coarse treads.



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Two different original pads with an original bolt on top; reproduction bolt below it.

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A snapshot of The Mile-Hi Chapter, circa 2000?



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Tricia's 1965 Convertible



Our 1965 Falcon convertible was built October 12, 1964. Originally it was Burgundy with a Palomino interior. Sold at Hardaway Ford in Columbus, Georgia on March 17, 1965 to Craig Mertz, its motor was the new 289 4V with automatic transmission. The car was his pride and joy, as it traveled from Georgia to New Jersey to North Carolina to New Mexico. He was lifetime Army and the car never left his side; England, Germany, Asia—it saw duty as he did. When we bought the car, it featured quite a museum of vintage Ford parts that he had kept as spares for traveling.

In 2011, Mr. Mertz became sick and could no longer keep the car. It was put on eBay with no reserve at \$3,800 in a three-day auction. We were the sole bidder. We loaded up in my 1985 Ford dually for the 800-mile trip to Silver City, New Mexico. The truck got 4.1 miles to the gallon and we burned \$1,600 dollars of gas at \$4.12 a gallon that summer. We spent half the cars value going after it!

We met Mr Mertz and loved the car at first site. It was a true “one owner” car and had carried him 172,000 faithful miles around the world. It was worn, faded, torn and had some rust, but still ran perfect. He cried as we drove off; it broke our hearts...and his.

On the journey home we decided to stop at Carlsbad Caverns, where climbing a huge mountain overheated the dually. We hit the bottom at 100 mph and made it to the top at about three mph. Then after a short rest, we hit the desert and blew out all four tires on the trailer in 120 degree weather. We finally found a tire store and four new tires later, we headed for home.

We originally bought the car to sell, but once we started driving it, it soon became family. I've owned a Falcon for 35 years; my dad's first new car was a Falcon. This convertible fit right

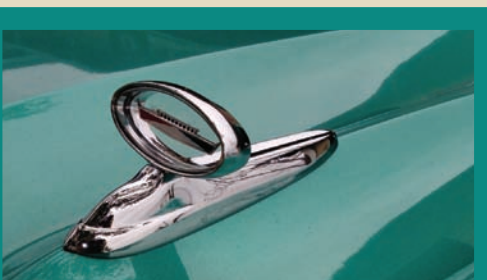
in. Tricia had gone through a Fusion, Gran Prix, Monte Carlo—all plastic that broke down. The Falcon became her sole car for the next seven years. Work car, kids to school, Walmart for groceries, and Tractor Supply for animal feed—she racked up another 140,000 miles on it. We were never afraid to load up and go 500 miles for a hamburger and some sightseeing.

At 312,000 miles, it finally quit. It was fixable but we decided it had earned a full restoration. Having been in a wreck that required surgery, I had lost the use of my arm for eight months. So, Tricia was going to have to do all the work herself. Every weekend she worked to get it apart. She started in March 2017. The only help I could do was point and explain to her what to do. She totally took the car apart to the shell.

It went for paint and sat six months in a body shop; this was the only part not done by us. All of the restoration work photos can be seen on Facebook under Skiles Falcon Restorations Facebook page at facebook.com/alantricia.skiles.

We kept it Burgundy nearly ten years, then decided on a brighter color. (Yes, you purists will cringe.) We went with Turquoise and two-tone matching interior. All chrome was re-done and all the rubber and seals were replaced. Tricia restored the seats herself and did all the work except for the door glass and channels. By that time, I was able to help. The original motor was sent out and rebuilt and we put it back together in our garage and installed it.

By Alan Skiles



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Ezra Wingfield (FCA #1963)
Benton, Arkansas
Founders Chapter Member

Final Journey

Ezra Wingfield, 88, (FCA #1963) of Benton, Arkansas went home to be with the Lord on June 21, 2018.

He was born January 9, 1930 in Okolona, Arkansas. Ezra loved God, life and people. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, even to his "four-legged children," he enjoyed spending time outdoors camping and fishing. He also loved having family and friends over for fish cookouts.

He was a member of the Falcon Club of America. Ezra owned many Falcons and loved traveling to many states for Regional and National Meets. He met so many people through his love of Falcons; he forged friendships across the United States.

He worked as an ambulance dispatcher and driver, embalmer, and funeral director. Following retirement from the funeral home, he moved to Little Rock and worked and retired as a supervisor at Coleman Dairy.

—Submitted by Anthony Stone (FCA #6261)



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Falcon Club of America 2018 Business Meeting

The 39th annual Falcon Club of America (FCA) National Business Meeting was held at 2 PM July 21st, 2018, in the Corporate Hills Ballroom.

WELCOME

Falcon Club of America President Cliff McKay welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the Wheat State Chapter for hosting this annual meeting. The members gave the Wheat State Chapter a round of applause.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS, CHAPTER ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

Introduction of Officers

President McKay introduced FCA Board members and officers and noted that Bruce Wolfe was unable to attend this meeting.

Chapter Roll Call

President McKay asked Russ Welty, the Chapter Coordinator, to have the Regional Directors call the roll of their chapters with members in attendance.

North Eastern Regional Director, John Howard, introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Hoosier, Northeast, Ohio Valley and Ontario Chapters.

South Eastern Regional Director, Dave Wagner, introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Mason Dixon, Suncoast, Tennessee Valley Falcons and the Virginia Falcons Chapters.

North Central Regional Director, Jack Ellis, introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Beef State, Gateway, Lake Michigan, Metro Detroit, Mid-America and the Wheat State Chapters.

South Central Regional Director, Mike Sigler, introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Bon Temps, Founders, Gulf States and the Southern Coast Falcons Chapters.

South Western Regional Director, Todd Gaudin, introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Capital City, Heart of Texas, Sooner State and the Third Coast Chapters.

Mountain Regional Director, Kent Whisenand Jr., introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Mile-Hi

Pacific Regional Director, Monte Brachmann, introduced the following chapters that had members in attendance: Columbia River

President McKay thanked the Regional Directors for the work they do for the FCA.

President McKay recognized approximately 10 FCA members that were attending their first FCA National Meeting.

President McKay asked for a moment of silence for FCA members that we have lost this past year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President McKay called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2017 FCA Business Meeting.

On motion of Jack Ellis seconded by Russ Welty, the minutes of the 2017 FCA National Business Meeting were approved as printed in the National Falcon News. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

At the request of President McKay, FCA Treasurer Jerry Nordboe gave the following banking summary for the period 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018:

Bank statement balance as of June 30, 2018 for the main Falcon Club of America was: \$107,805.13. We still maintain a balance of \$1,500 in the Corresponding Secretary account.

Total income , including advertising, dues and donations	\$91,317.37
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Total expenses , including bank charges, corresponding secretary expenses, insurance, postage, printing, publication design	\$94,269.88
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Net difference	<hr/> \$-2,952.51
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Note: a detailed Treasurer's Report is included at the end of these minutes inside the magazine's wrap.

Audit Committee Report

At the request of President McKay, Steve Hammond (#14211) reported for the Audit Committee. He noted that he worked with Colleen Ellis and Barry Fischer on this year's audit. He said they reviewed the club's income and expense reports, individual transaction reports and spot-checked some invoices. They found no problems and took no exceptions to the records.

President McKay thanked the Audit Committee for their work.

Misty Sigler, Recording Secretary

Club Store Report

At the request of President McKay, Bonnie Stringer gave the following club store summary for the period 7/1/2017 through 7/30/2018:

Total income	\$ 4,000.00
Total expenses	\$ 6,217.38
Net difference	\$-2,217.38

Note: a detailed Club Store Report is included at the end of these minutes inside the magazine's wrap.

On motion of Ron Brown, seconded by Kent Whisenand, Jr. the Treasurer, Audit Committee and Club Store reports were accepted as presented by unanimous vote.

Magazine Editor's Report

At the request of President McKay, FCA Magazine Editor Janet Wilkerson gave the following report:

She thanked everyone for submitting items to be published and it was noted that the magazine earned a *Golden Quill Award* this year as well.

BUSINESS

- Directory was last published in 2015. We're going to put an updated monthly membership directory online, password protected, for our members to access.
- Car classifications will be reviewed and updated by a volunteer committee. Members should contact Mike Sigler, 228-596-9160, to volunteer for this committee.

Election of Officers and Board Member

President McKay advised that the offices of President, Vice-President and one position on the FCA Board of Directors were up for election at this time and asked for nominations for a five (5) year term on the Board of Directors.

Pam Dinzebach nominated John Saindon, seconded by Jim Hatcher.

Pat Varricchio nominated Bruce Carlton seconded by Linda Harrington.

The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. President McKay closed the nominations for the FCA Board of Directors.

President McKay asked John Saindon to step out of the room and asked Bruce Carlton to review his

qualifications. He then asked Bruce Carlton to step out and John Saindon to review his qualifications.

Ballots were distributed and collected.

President McKay advised that the ballots had been counted for the five-year term on the FCA Board of Directors and that the membership had elected John Saindon (FCA #9014) whose term will begin September 1, 2018.

President McKay asked for nominations for Vice-president of the FCA. Jim Boyer nominated Jim Guthrie and Caroline Beason seconded the motion. The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. President McKay closed the nominations for Vice-President. Jim Guthrie was re-elected Vice-president of the FCA for 2018-2019 by acclamation.

President McKay turned the meeting over to Jim Guthrie who asked for nominations for FCA President. Steve Hammond nominated Cliff McKay and John Kechter seconded the motion. The membership was asked three times for additional nominations. None were given. Jim closed the nominations for President. Cliff McKay was re-elected President of the FCA for 2018-2019 by acclamation.

President McKay thanked the members for their vote.

Volunteer Officers Affirmation

Misty Sigler is stepping down as FCA Recording Secretary and Jerry Nordboe agreed to remain as FCA Treasurer for one more year. Steve Dippert will be taking over as FCA Recording Secretary beginning August 1, 2018.

2019 National Meeting

Blake Philpot updated the members on the 2019 FCA National Meeting to be held in Winter Park, CO July 10th-13th, 2019. He mentioned that it's a mountain town with lots of wildlife and things to see and do. It's 9200 feet above sea level and everyone should bring sun block.

Miscellaneous

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was on motion of Ron Brown, seconded by Peggy Kechter, that the 2018 FCA Annual Business Meeting be adjourned at 3:02 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

—Please see the inside of the cover wrap for the detailed Treasurer's and Club Store Reports.

Tricia's 1965 Convertible



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Up until we got the Falcon, Tricia knew little about cars, but she persevered, learning it all as she went along—and she did it!

On March 17, 2018 we drove it for the first time after the restoration. It was exactly one year from the day we'd started the rebuild. Coincidentally, it was also the same day over 50 years ago that it was sold. With only 100 trial miles on the car we went to the Austin, Texas Falcon Regional. We drove 1,000 miles sightseeing that weekend and Tricia won Ladies Choice and received a trophy at her first car show. Her car has been to more shows and received more trophies since. It's not a typical "show" car. If you live here locally, you will still see Tricia driving it to work and to Walmart and to Tractor Supply. It is a Falcon, it loves to work and be part of the family. We take care of it but it also watches over us. Cars are just that...cars. But Falcons become family. This one will be with ours for a long time.

—Alan Skiles (FCA #15948)
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LOOKING BACK AT THE 2005 Nationals San Ramon, California Hosted by the Pacific Region Chapters



The Great Falcon Migration of 2005 began at the East Coast and headed west, picking up more migrators on the way.



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